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1. (Unclassified - RC) LIAISON In the absence of   took a call from Jim Davidson, on the staff of the Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, Government Operations Committee. He asked for the status on Senator Edmund S. Muskie's (D., Maine) letter on CIA's experience with Executive Order 11652 on classification and declassification of information. He indicated that we had informed him in mid-September that another week would be needed. After checking, I told him that our response was completed and was waiting for the Director's signature and that I would get it over to him as soon as it was signed.

2. (Unclassified - RC) BRIEFING Called Howard Feldman, Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee staff, and advised him that CIA had a revised estimate of the Soviet grain production. As of last week, Soviet grain production is estimated to be between 155 and 165 million tons. They have purchased 20 million tons which means there is a 32 million ton shortfall. The reasons and implications are essentially the same as they were when we last briefed them. Nonetheless, we thought this new estimate should be brought to his attention.

I also called Stuart Statler, Minority Counsel, of the same Subcommittee, and told him the foregoing. They were both very grateful.

3. (Unclassified - RC) HEARING Following my conversation with Mr. Cary, I called Jim Michie, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, and told him that our lawyers had some problems with the request to interview C/BAB/OTS. As he may have read in the paper, Dr. Gottlieb has been granted use immunity by the Senate Select Committee and we would want to avoid providing information which would place Dr. Gottlieb in jeopardy. This was true particularly since the Department of Justice was looking into this subject. Michie said I was assuming that C/BAB/OTS would have information implicating Gottlieb. I admitted that might be the problem. He suggested that our two lawyers get together and talk it out. I said before I did that I would talk to C/BAB/OTS to determine if we have a legal problem and then call him tomorrow.

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